



Henry "Butch" Marshall Major

April 6, 1941 - December 13, 2025

Henry (Butch) Major, 84, of Mechanicsville, Maryland passed away at home peacefully to be with the Lord in the early morning hours Saturday, December 13, 2025, with his love and best friend Debra (Debbie) Ackerman by his side. He was such a fighter after several years of surgeries, medical tests and being diagnosed with Frontal Temporal Dementia.

Butch was born on April 6, 1941 in Pottsville, Pennsylvania to Henry A. and Elizabeth (Betty) Major. The family moved from Pennsylvania to Maryland when Butch was quite young.

Butch's life has always been defined for his extreme dedication to hard work which began at a very young age. When he was a young boy, in the early morning, he delivered daily dozens of newspapers throughout his neighborhood before he went to school no matter how inclement the weather.

During his later teen years, he began working summers at his close friend's father's construction sites where his friend's father-built houses. That's where Butch's passion began. He loved carpentry and honed his talent for it over the years. As time went by his carpentry skills became impeccable.

As Butch perfected his construction/building talent he eventually became a self-employed builder. His craftsmanship of over 50 years is displayed

throughout several Maryland counties in the numerous houses he built. It was in St. Mary's County where he built his dream. A self-designed house on the Patuxent River near where, as he was growing up, he crabbed and fished with his parents.

Due to Butch's constant goal of achieving "perfection" and not cutting corners when building, his craftsmanship gained notoriety and his name spread throughout as being a great home builder. Even when his dementia became more prevalent and he was no longer able to walk, he would wake up saying he needed to get to his construction site to get to work. Being the best craftsman he could definitely defined Butch Major.

As hobbies Butch loved boating, crabbing and fishing. Keeping his yard immaculate was another hobby of his.

For the past 25 years, especially in the winters, Butch and Debbie enjoyed spending as much time as possible at their place in FL near the ocean in Cape Canaveral.

Butch was preceded in death by his father and mother as well as his younger brother Harry Major.

He is survived by The Love of His Life Debra (Debbie) Ackerman; sons Donald Major (Diane), Michael Major (Stephanie); daughters Dana Brown (John), Dawn Kinnear (Scott), and Amy Casbeer (Richard); as well as 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Bonus family...sons Todd Ackerman, Brian Ackerman (Marissa), Nathan Ackerman (Christa); 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. He's also survived by his older sister Sue (Major) Whiblitzhouser.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 8th, 2026 from 12 pm until time of

service at 2pm in Raymond Funeral Service Chapel. Interment will be private.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
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<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Henry "Butch" Marshall Major.*



January 06 at 02:09 PM



“ *Debbie's cousin, Bev Glocke purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Henry "Butch" Marshall Major.*



Debbie's cousin, Bev Glocke - January 06 at 11:58 AM



“ *Butch was my best friend. We met in first grade at Bradbury Heights Elementary School and were inseparable with summer long baseball games, adjourning paper routes, and later high school weekends working on our prized possessions - 55/56 Chevrolets. Our lives took different paths but I'll always remember Butch for his willingness to help others, his incredibly successful career, and his large, loving extended family.*



Courtney Shaffer - January 02 at 05:18 PM

DS

“ Don (Donnie) Shaffer purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Henry "Butch" Marshall Major.



Don (Donnie) Shaffer - January 01 at 05:33 PM

DS

“ Don (Donnie) Shaffer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry "Butch" Marshall Major.

Don (Donnie) Shaffer - January 01 at 05:33 PM

BB

“ I will miss you, Butch...chats at the pool, dinners at Rusty's, conversations about nothing in particular when our paths crossed down in the garage. But you have relocated to a much better place...and for that, I am happy.
Condo friend Bob.

Bob Billings - December 16, 2025 at 12:42 PM

RG

Dear Debbie, I'm so very sorry for your loss of your best friend, soulmate and the love of your life. Having recently lost my husband, I can understand exactly what you are experiencing right now. Please know that I am praying for Butch and you and sending my heartfelt condolences to you and your family! Butch will be missed especially by all of us in F building who enjoyed seeing you every winter. Take care of yourself!
Hugs, Ruth Goldstein

Ruth Goldstein - December 16, 2025 at 07:45 PM

SW

Butch, may you rest in Peace. Say hello to our mother and father and brother for me, please. I miss you all.

But, I have my memories of our lives together as I remember helping deliver the newspapers (when it wasn't raining or snowing). I was very proud of you when you began to build wonderful houses for some lucky families. I also remember the family reunions we took turns hosting with our spouses each summer. I believe there were years when we had at least 20 people sleeping at our respective homes. What I remember most, was the time and effort you gave our Mother as she grew older. She appreciated having you there for her. Sue Major Wiblitzhouser

Sue Wiblitzhouser - December 25, 2025 at 09:26 PM